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## Westfield Hires Community Development Director

**Westfield, IN** – Westfield Mayor Andy Cook announced today the hiring of Matthew S. Skelton, Esq., AIPC, for the position of Community Development Director. Skelton will be replacing Gregory J. Anderson, who resigned earlier this year.

Matt Skelton is an urban planner, an attorney and a Westfield resident who is joining the City of Westfield from Baker & Daniels LLP, where he has served as a member of the firm's real estate team. His law practice has been primarily focused in the areas of zoning, land use planning, real estate, development, government services, charitable and civic organizations, and parks and recreation. Matt is a certified urban planner with more than 17 years of work experience in land use and urban planning.

After earning a bachelor's degree in Urban Management and Policy at Indiana University, Matt held the position of Senior Planner with the City of Westfield from 1994-2002 and served as the Zoning Administrator for the City of Noblesville from 2002-03. Matt also holds a master's degree in Urban Development Planning from Indiana University and is a member of the Indiana Bar.

"It is obvious that Matt will be a huge asset to our team," says Mayor Andy Cook. "His experience, commitment and dedication to this community is remarkable and we are thrilled with his return to our city government."

"We are very sad to see Matt go, but recognize that this is a great opportunity for him," said Baker & Daniels' real estate practice chair Joe Scimia. "He is an asset to the Westfield community and his new role will allow him to continue to serve the community he loves. We wish him all the best."

Skelton will begin as Community Development Director on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information or for interviews, please contact me at the above numbers.